Transport and Mixing in the Summer Subtropical UT/LS

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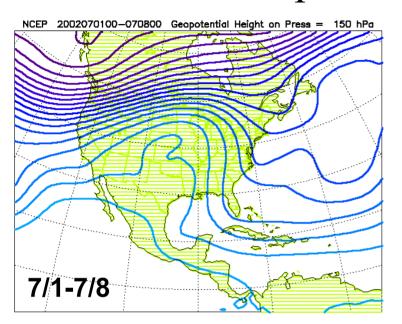
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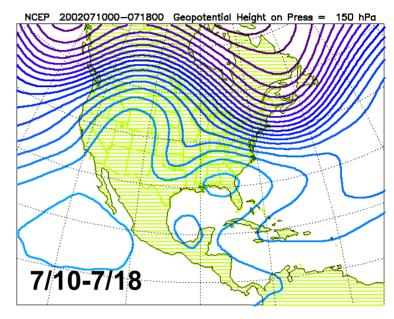
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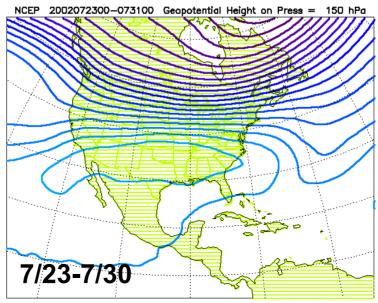
Outline

- Brief overview of large-scale UT/LS meteorology.
- Midlatitude convection and subsequent isentropic mixing in the lower stratosphere.
- Very preliminary mixing results...

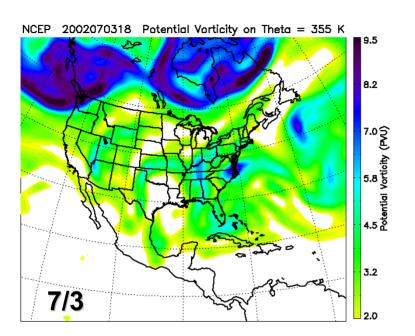
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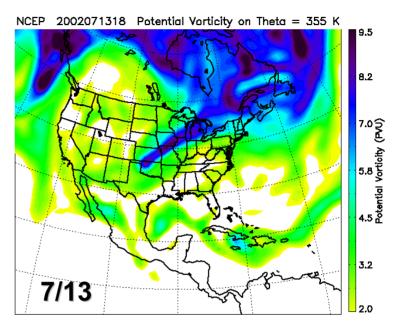


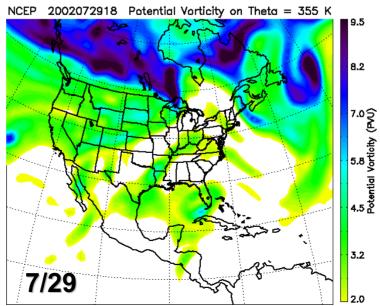




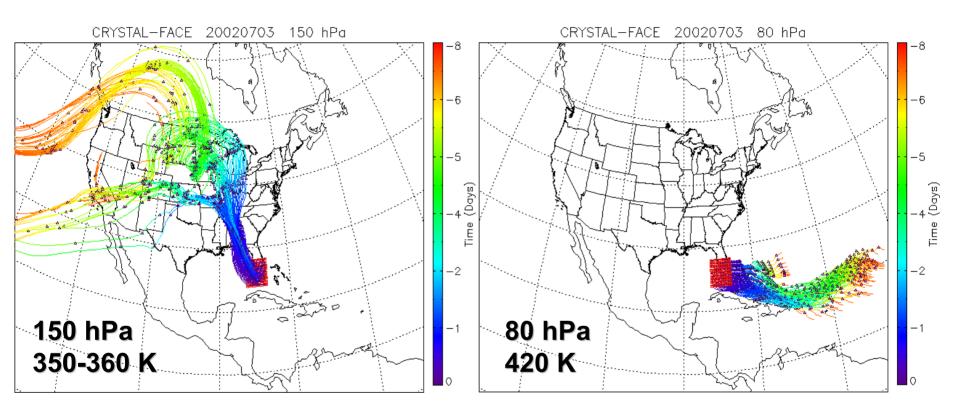
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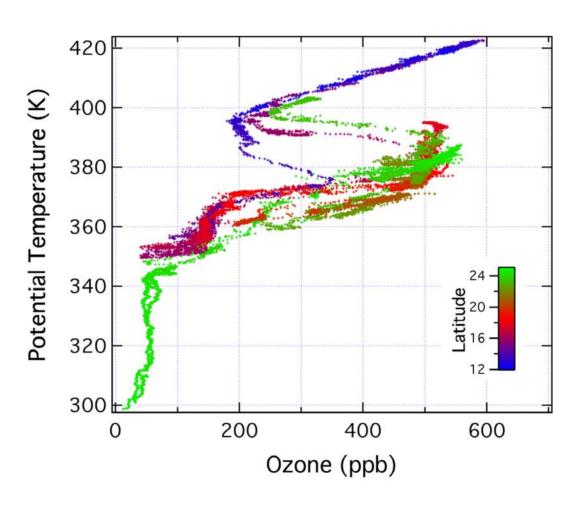




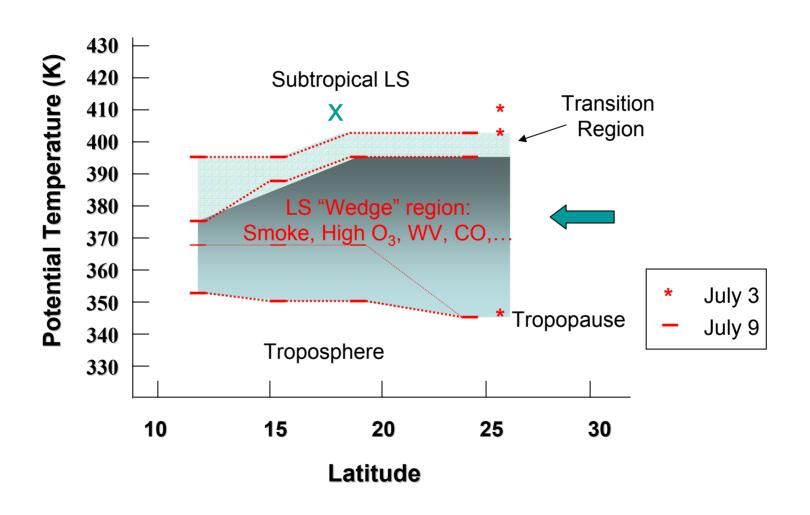
Back Trajectories July 3



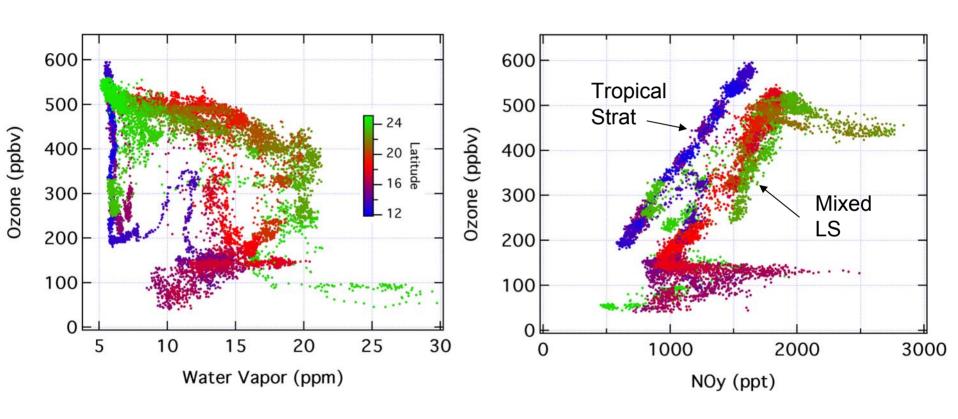
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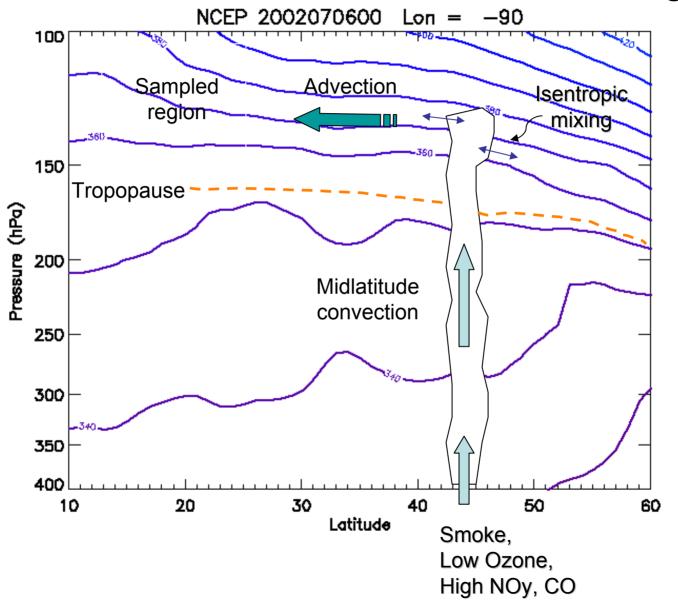
Schematic of UT/LS in early July



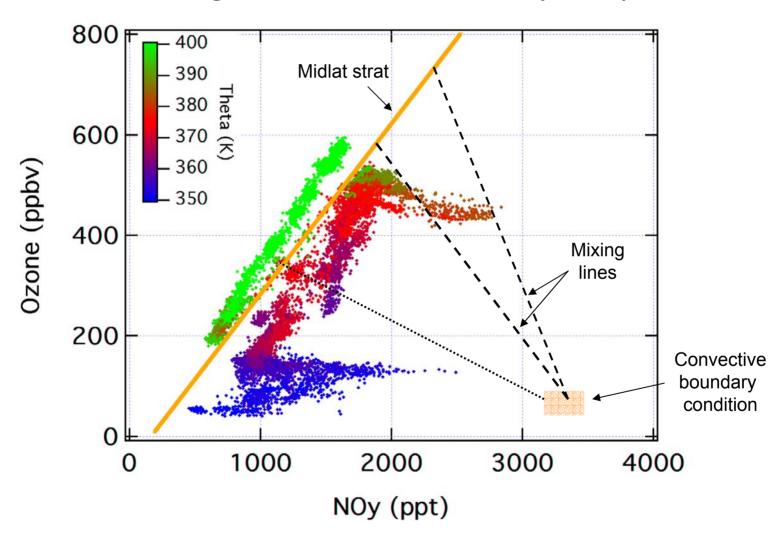
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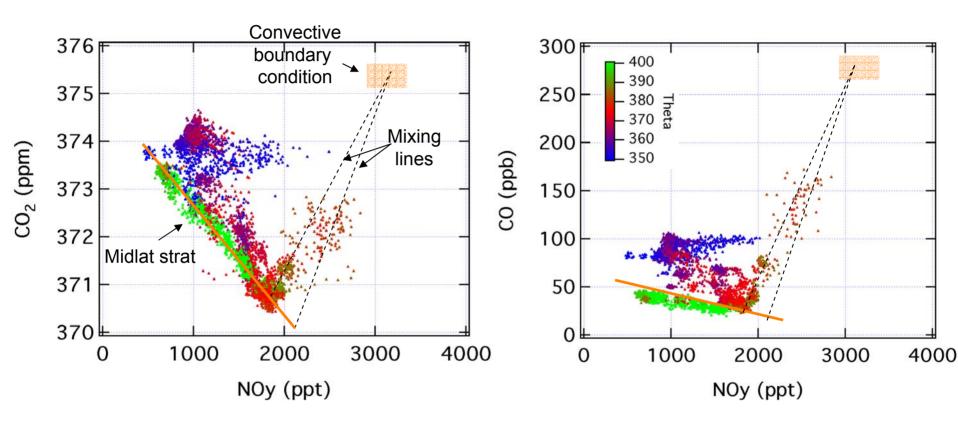
Schematic of Midlat Convection and Mixing



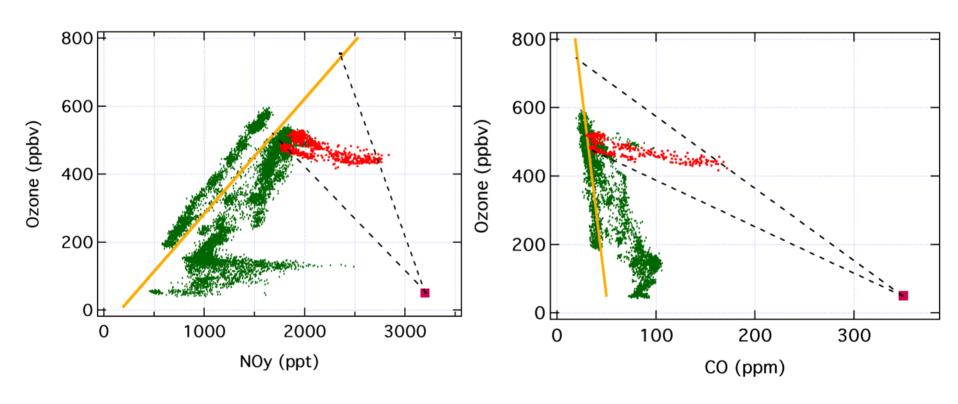
Mixing From Ozone vs. NOy July 9



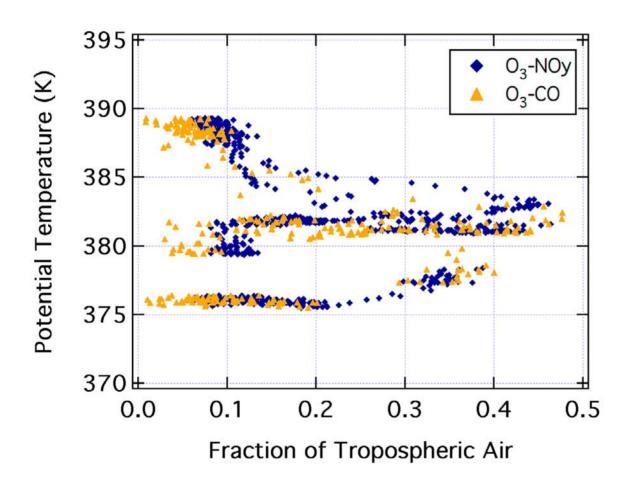
CO₂ and CO vs. NOy July 9



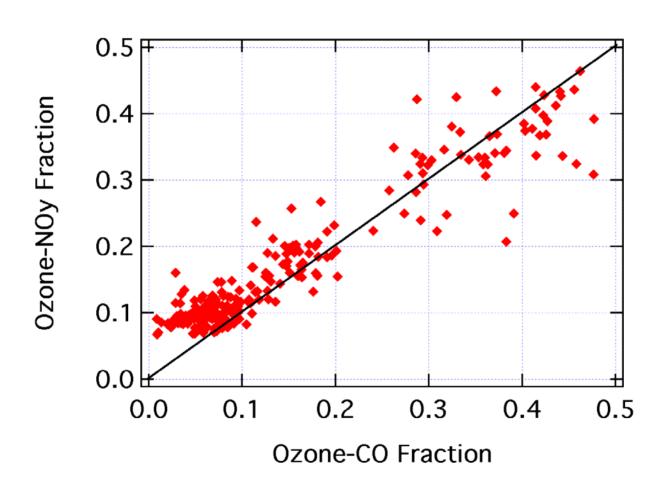
Plume Mixing From Ozone vs. NOy and CO July 9



Fractions of Tropospheric Air in the Stratosphere



Comparison of Mixing Fractions



Summary

- Large scale UT/LS flow during first two weeks of CRYSTAL-FACE resulted in an extensive "wedge" of midlatitude LS underlying tropical LS in sample region.
- Midlatitude LS wedge contains an interesting mixture of midlatitude troposphere and lowermost stratosphere revealed by a number of measured tracers.
- Considerable fraction of tropospheric air in the midlatitude LS wedge region (up to 40%).

Future Work

- Further quantify the mixture of tropospheric air in the subtropical lower stratosphere using all of the available long-lived tracers during several early July flights.
- Pin down the convective tropospheric boundary condition by using tropospheric CO₂ estimates and back trajectories.